

Minutes of the Justice Committee

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Vice Chairman Rankin; Members Soeldner, McIntyre, Schafer, and Wollrab

Other County Board
Members Present: Chairman Caisley

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Assistant to the County Administrator

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center; Sheriff Mike Emery; Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services; Mr. Curt Hawk, Director, EMA; and Mr. Jason Chambers, State's Attorney

Others Present: Ms. Cathy Waltz, Superintendent, Juvenile Detention Center; Mr. Greg Allen, Jail Superintendent, Sheriff's Department; Ms. Jeanene Payne, Supervisor of Health Services, McLean County Jail; Ms. Shelly Butler, Clinic Nurse for Health Services, McLean County Jail

Vice Chairman Rankin called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Rankin presented the July 2, 2013 Justice Committee Minutes for Approval.

Motion by McIntyre/Schafer to Approve the Minutes of the July 2, 2013 Meeting.
Motion carried.

Ms. Judy Brucker, Director, Children's Advocacy Center, reviewed the Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) Monthly Statistical Report and the CASA Report. She noted that the CAC statistics in July will show a 100% increase from last year.

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Ms. Brucker reported that, through the end of June, CASA volunteers donated 4,242 hours, which is more than 2 FTE's in volunteer time advocating for about 102 children in the first six months of the year. She indicated that the fall CASA training class is beginning at the end of this month.

Ms. Brucker advised that the annual fall training will be done in the form of a seminar this year. She noted that Mr. Jaun Ortiz, an adult survivor of childhood abuse who has gone on to become a very successful Fortune 500 businessman, will speak at the seminar. Ms. Brucker stated that Mr. Ortiz has a very powerful message to share with communities about his experience as a survivor of childhood abuse, and how communities can respond to this issue. She added that CAC is partnering with the Illinois State School of Social Work and the Latin American Studies Program to bring Mr. Ortiz here. Ms. Brucker pointed out that the seminar will be a free training to the community, with 3.5 hours of credit for CDU and CEU for \$10 per credit hour (\$35) and 3.5 hours credit for MCLE at no fee. She added that advanced registration is required. The seminar will be held on Friday, September 27, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in the ISU Bone Student Center.

Ms. Brucker advised that the *Stop Cycle of Abuse* is scheduled for October 16-21, 2013. She reminded the Committee about the riders who rode from Chicago to California last fall who are now riding from Chicago to St. Louis. Ms. Brucker stated that our agency will receive 50% of the proceeds donated from that effort. She indicated that it is a six-leg ride and each stop will be at an Advocacy Center community. One of the stops will be in Pontiac, IL where one of our CAC satellite centers is located and a second stop will be in Bloomington.

Mr. Soeldner asked how they are raising their funds. Ms. Brucker replied that the www.stopthecycle.net website has more information. The State organization of CACI, run by Billie Larkin, former McLean County CAC Director, is spearheading the effort. The registration fee is \$25.00 or \$35.00 per person and each person is required to raise \$200 worth of sponsorships to ride "a leg" of the trip.

Vice Chairman Rankin announced that he may ride the entire trip.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. Brucker.

Vice Chairman Rankin presented the Public Defender's June Monthly Report as submitted by Ms. Kim Campbell, Public Defender. There were no questions on the report.

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Sheriff Mike Emery presented a request for approval of a Contract with Ms. Ruth Chin for inmate Chaplain Services. He noted that the previous chaplain joined a congregation in Kentucky and left after the first quarter. Ms. Ruth Chin is very familiar with correction settings and is bi-lingual, with Spanish as her second language.

Sheriff Emery indicated that the contract will be July 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. He indicated that Ms. Chin has been volunteering her time.

Motion by Schafer/McIntyre to Recommend Approval
of a Contract with Ms. Ruth Chin for Inmate Chaplain
Services.
Motion carried.

Sheriff Emery reviewed his July Detention Facility Population Report.

Sheriff Emery advised that he expects a report from the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) within the next two weeks.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked how Sheriff Emery feels the visit went. Sheriff Emery replied that it went very well, and was informative. He expressed his appreciation that many County Board members attended the presentation.

Ms. Wollrab asked if the mental health conference that was recently cancelled will be rescheduled. Sheriff Emery replied that the Laura Beavers Mental Health Conference has been rescheduled for September 13th and she will be sending out a notice. He noted that this will look at the community side of this issue regarding availability of services and resources.

Ms. Schafer asked if Sheriff Emery or anyone on his staff visited the Macon and DuPage counties to see what they are doing. Sheriff Emery replied that they have not visited those sites at this time. He added that we are waiting for the NIC report to determine an action plan.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Sheriff Emery.

Vice Chairman Rankin presented the Coroner's Semi-Annual Financial Report and the June 2013 Monthly Report as submitted by Ms. Beth Kimmerling, Coroner, who was away on business. There were no questions on the reports.

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Mr. Don Everhart, Circuit Clerk, reviewed his June 2013 Statistical Reports as well as Second Quarter Statistical Reports.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Everhart.

Ms. Lori McCormick, Director, Court Services, presented her Monthly reports.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Ms. McCormick.

Mr. Curt Hawk, Director, EMA presented a request for approval of the changes to the 565 page 2013 McLean County Emergency Operation Plan. He indicated that most of the changes have been updating names, addresses, telephone numbers, staff changes, and standardizing the format according to the new National Response Framework of 2013. He advised that the Operation Plan is now up-to-date and he would request that it be approved.

Mr. Hawk stated that a copy of the plan is on file in the County Administrator's Office and in the EMA Office. He indicated that if anyone wanted to come into his office, he would be glad to answer any questions. Mr. Wasson added that there is a PDF electronic version in the Administrator's Office. Mr. Hawk noted that it is a large PDF file, which is why he did not send it out in PDF format to you.

Ms. Wollrab asked how the interoperability plan is working within all of the different agencies in the county to communicate. Mr. Hawk replied with the STARCOM system, tactical channels and interoperable channels it is possible to talk to anybody within the state.

Motion by Wollrab/Soeldner to Recommend Approval of
the Changes to the 2013 McLean County Emergency
Operation Plan.
Motion carried.

Mr. Hawk indicated that he attended a meeting of the Emergency Food & Shelter Program at the United Way with Chairman Caisley. He stated that Chairman Caisley had been appointed to that committee. Mr. Wasson indicated that the report was included as an information item at the request of Chairman Caisley.

Mr. Hawk reported that EMA has been very busy lately with searches and other activities.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Hawk.

Mr. Jason Chambers, State's Attorney, reviewed his Monthly Caseload Report and Asset Forfeiture Fund Report.

(**Note:** The Caseload Report showed the 2012 YTD Juvenile Abuse statistic as 762 cases, but it should have been 72 cases.)

Ms. Schafer pointed out that the Case Load Report numbers appear to be considerably higher. Mr. Chambers reviewed the many ways the statistics go up and down, including the following:

- Number of calls for service made by the Bloomington and Normal Police Departments;
- Number of DUI or traffic enforcement officers on duty; more officers, more arrests;
- DUI charges are made by the arresting officer;
- Delinquency charges go through Probation first;
- Carefully screening potential cases to determine probable cause, thereby eliminating cases that cannot be proven;
- Addressing cases that are backlogged;
- Cyclical ups and downs of cases.

Ms. Schafer asked what the "Mental Health" cases are. Mr. Chambers replied that the State's Attorney's Office handles some of the mental health issues in terms of involuntary commitments. The State's Attorney's Office is authorized to start the petition process for an involuntary commitment.

Mr. Chambers advised that all Assistant State's Attorneys have full caseloads.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none, he thanked Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Wasson introduced Ms. Jeanene Payne, Supervisor of Health Services, McLean County Jail; and Ms. Shelly Butler, Clinic Nurse for Health Services, McLean County Jail. He indicated that their efforts at the Jail are appreciated.

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Vice Chairman Rankin presented the July 31, 2013 Justice Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor as well as Departmental transfers in the Sheriff's Department (\$2,850 from Vehicle Maintenance Repair to Purchase of Machinery & Equipment), Court Services (\$2,500 from Office Supplies to Furnishings & Office Equipment), and Child Support Circuit Clerk (\$395.67 from Letterhead/Printed Forms to Non-Contractual Services). The Justice Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$988,098.54 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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Motion by McIntyre/Wollrab to Recommend Approval of the Justice Committee Bills as of July 31, 2013 as transmitted by the County Auditor as well as Departmental Transfers in the Sheriff's Department, Court Services Department, and Child Support Circuit Clerk.

Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Rankin asked if there was any other business or communication for the Justice Committee. Hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary